

# CHRONOLOGY OF DUCKETT CASE

Child: Trenton John Duckett (DOB 0810/04)  
 Mother: Melinda Marie Eubanks Duckett (DOB 0814/85)  
 Father: Joshua Ryon Duckett (DOB 05/17/85)

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
04/06/2005	2005-358822-01	<b>Initial report received by Sumter County. Allegation indicates that Melinda Eubanks threatened to harm child, Trenton Duckett, unless his father, Joshua Duckett, goes to her home and talks with her. Melinda is alleged to have scars on her arms due to cutting herself. She is also alleged to squeeze Trenton so tight that he screams.</b>
04/06/2005	2005-358822-02	Supplemental report received that there are concerns for Trenton's safety.
04/11/2005	Supervisory and Review/Staffing	Review and staffing completed. Case does not meet High Risk criteria.
4/28/2005	Father files petition to establish paternity, custody and for other relief	Case # 2005 DR 542, Sumter County
04/30/2005	2005-358822-03	Additional report received alleging Melinda is despondent and making threats against herself and child. Allegation indicates that Melinda's behavior has worsened since she had the child and she has been Baker Acted.
04/30/2005	Child Removed and Sheltered	Court documents indicated that the child was removed on 4/30/05 and sheltered with father in the home of paternal grandmother, Carla Massero. CPI chronos in HSn have 2 dates for the removal, 04/20/05 and <b>04/30/05</b> .
05/02/2005	Shelter Review	Child placed with father and mother given supervised visitation. 5/2/05
05/09/2005	CPT Referral	CPT takes case as a consult as child has been observed with no injuries and is sheltered with the father.
5/11/05	Judge Hallman orders custody evaluation	Order in Sumter legal file
5/16/05	Mother files a counter petition for paternity, primary residential responsibility, child support, visitation and other relief	
5/18/2005	ESI Staffing	Case staffed to Kids Central (CMA – Children's Home Society) for court ordered protective services. Services recommended included parenting, psychosocial evaluation on Joshua and psychological evaluation on Melinda, with a recommendation to follow through with any treatment recommendations.
05/20/2005 @ 1:00 pm	Arrestment Hearing – Sumter County	Mother denied allegations and case plan resolution scheduled for 05/27/05.
05/26/2005	2005-358822 <b>Closed</b>	Report closed with some indicators for inadequate supervision – neglect, and no indicators for other physical injury – threatened harm.
05/27/2005 @ 2:00 pm	Case Plan Resolution	Meeting of both parents, their attorneys, Family Care Manager (FCM) and CWLS to attempt to resolve differences and discuss case plan.
06/03/2005	Change of Plea Hearing – Sumter County	Mother maintains denial of allegations and case plan has not been accepted. Visitation to be set up at the CAC and home study to be completed on relatives to accommodate supervised visitation for mother.
06/13/2005	2005-399577	<b>Report received in Lake County. Allegation indicates that Melinda dangled Trenton over water, endangering child to deliberately provoke father. Also alleged that she squeezes child's chest leaving marks. Child removed from mother, but father has moved back in with the mother in violation of court order. Parents agree to a safety plan with the CPI to live in separate households.</b>
06/13/2005	Father Retracts	Father instructs his attorney to voluntary dismissal for case involving his

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	Allegations Affidavit filed with the court 6/15/05	son and wife. The letter indicates that his mother, Carla Massero, the influence behind his accusations. Father's affidavit is filed with court on 06/15/06.
06/20/2005	CWLS Staffing	CWLS attorney advises CPI that FCM should advised court that father violated court order.
06/21/2005	CPI Notifies FCM	CPI notified the FCM of the father's violation of the court order as advised by CWLS.
06/29/2005	Status Review	Status review <i>filed</i> with the court by the Family Care Manager (FCM) recommends that Trenton be removed from the father, Joshua. Advises court of violation of court order as recommended by CWLS. Report also indicates concerns that child cannot be placed with mother, but does not recommend placement alternatives.
07/03/2005	Parents Married	Joshua Duckett and Melinda Eubanks marry.
07/07/2005	Psychiatric Evaluation Filed with Sumter Court LifeStream Behavioral Center	Psychiatric evaluation completed 06/29/06, on Melinda by Dimitrios Hatzivalasson, M.D., was filed with court. According to evaluation, there is no medication or intervention needed. CPI file copy was received via FAX on 12/22/05.
07/08/2005	Pretrial Hearing – Sumter County	<i>Trenton is to continue in the custody of his father</i> , Joshua Duckett, and Melinda Duckett shall have supervised visitation to take place at maternal grandmother's home. Melinda agrees to psychological evaluation and that she will follow up with any recommendations.
07/13/2005	Psychological Evaluation Self-referred and paid by mother	Evaluation completed by Danielle Arbutina. Couples counseling and social skills training are recommended. Evaluation also notes that there are no psychological reasons that would preclude Melinda from being a capable and loving parent. It also <i>recommended that reunification with her son would benefit her and her son's mental stability</i> . Evaluator review Lifestream Psychiatric Evaluation. All other information was self-reported.
07/29/2005	Child Custody Evaluation Completed	The Sumter County Court ordered a child custody evaluation to be completed by Ruth Harvey-Gilligan, LCSW, earlier in July.
08/03/2005	Tracker A05-006756 Completed	Melinda Duckett emailed Governor Bush expressing concern that the CPI and case manager had failed to return her calls and she was unaware of the status of her case. Ms. Duckett was contacted by OPA to address issues.
08/03/2005	2005-399577 <b>Closed</b>	Report closed with no indicators for other physical injury – abuse, and some indicators for failure to protect – neglect.
8/8/2005	Child Custody Evaluation Received	Evaluation received by Judge Hallman. Evaluation recommends that there be shared parental responsibility, with Joshua, Trenton's father as the primary residential parent, with supervised visitation for Melinda.
8/16/2005	Child Custody Evaluation faxed to CWLS	Child Custody Evaluation in the legal file
08/22/2005	Ad judicatory Hearing – Sumter County	Child to remain in placement with his father. Court permitted parties to attempt to resolve issues, but they were unable to do so and a pretrial hearing set.
8/22/05	Mother files notice of voluntary dismissal as to counter petition	Petition in Sumter legal file
8/23/05	Judge Hallman dismissed mothers counter petition	
8/28/2005	Mother filed Certificate of Completion of Positive Parenting	Notice of filing in Sumter legal file.
9/21/2005	Father filed Certificate of Completion of Parenting Kids God's	Notice of filing in Sumter legal file

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10/2005	Parents Separate	Father reported to CPI during investigation of 2005-480907 that he and Melinda had separated in October 2005.
10/07/2005	Judicial Review	Case plan has yet to be accepted. Guardian Ad Litem Report (10/05/05) recommends child be placed with Carla Massero, paternal grandmother, and that father, mother and maternal great grandparents be granted visitation. CHS recommended maintain custody with the father. <i>Court approved reunification of Trenton with his mother.</i> Father was agreeable and was granted unsupervised visits. GAL recommends Trenton be placed with paternal grandmother. Waived 10-day period for exceptions.
10/17/2005	Pre-Trial Hearing – Sumter County	Parents agreed to amended case plan that is accepted by the court. Adjudication <i>withheld</i> as to the mother.
10/30/2005	2005-480466	<b>Report received in Orange County. Melinda is alleged to have scratched Joshua during an argument in the car. She is also alleged to have threatened to kill Trenton and held a knife against his leg.</b>
10/31/2005	2005-480907	<b>Report received by Lake County. Allegations are same as 2005-480466 that Melinda scratched Joshua during an argument in the car. She is also alleged to have threatened to kill Trenton and held a knife against his leg.</b>
10/31/2005	Child Removed	Trenton removed from both parents by Lake County due to allegations and placed in foster home. Case #: 2005-DP495
11/01/2005	Shelter Hearing	Shelter petition approved
11/01/2005	2005-480466 <b>Closed</b>	Report closed as duplicate to 2005-480907
11/02/2005	Family Team Coaching Case Closed	Due to child being out of the home, Family Team Coaching services (Family Builders) are terminated.
11/04/2005	Relative Placement	Trenton is moved to maternal <i>great</i> -grandparents, Nancy & Billy Eubanks.
11/09/2005	Tracker A05-010547 Completed	Carla Massero, paternal grandmother, emailed Governor Bush regarding her concerns about the safety of Trenton due to the ongoing custody battle between his parents. Contact was made with Ms. Massero and although information could not be shared with her regarding the case, she was aware that child was with maternal grandparents and family receiving services.
11/22/05	Mother files letter of completion of couples counseling	Notice of filing in Sumter legal file
11/23/2005	Arraignment Hearing – Lake County	Trenton is returned to his mother, Melinda, during hearing with General Magistrate, Heidi Davis. <b>CPI expressed concern to CWLS about the court's decision.</b>
11/28/05	Mother files Letter of completion of couples counseling and mother's letter of completion of anger management course	Notice of filing in Sumter legal file
12/07/2005	Continued Arraignment Hearing – Lake County	Court finds a transfer of venue appropriate and case is transferred to Sumter County. Visitation and child support addressed. Parents have completed case plan. Note: There is no documentation the father ever completed his case plan.
12/22/2005	Psychological Evaluation Results (Dr. Steven Sanders by Danielle Arbutina, Psychometrist)	Psychological evaluation is received. Melinda is diagnosed with <b>obsessive-compulsive personality disorder</b> . Couples counseling is recommended to address anger and resentment toward her husband. According to evaluation, there is <i>no psychological reason that would preclude Melinda from being a capable and loving parent</i> . The evaluation also indicated that reunification of Trenton with Melinda would benefit her greatly and support mental stability of Trenton.
12/22/2005	2005-480907	Report closed with no indicators for asphyxiation, some indicators for

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	<b>Closed</b>	deadly weapon injury, verified for family violence threatens child against both parents and verified for failure to protect against Joshua.
12/25/2005	2005-510460	<b>Report received in Sumter County. Allegations indicate that Kevin Massero, paternal step-grandfather has a history of using cocaine and Trenton has been left in his care. It is also alleged that Joshua lives with Kevin, as does Carla Massero, paternal grandmother.</b>
12/27/2005	2005-511209	<b>Report received in Lake County. Melinda is alleged to have told father that she will hurt Trenton if he does not do what she wants him to do.</b>
12/28/2005	2005-511209 <b>Closed</b>	Report closed as duplicate to 2005-510460. Maltreatment of physical injury – threatened harm is added as allegation to 2005-510460.
01/06/2006	Judicial Review	Case plan for both parents in progress. Trenton remains in the custody of his mother, Melinda. Kevin Massero, step-grandfather, ordered to have no contact with Trenton. Joshua approved for unsupervised visits with Trenton. Case plan amended to reflect that batterer's intervention program, which had been recommended for Joshua, is not required and <i>additional codependency and couples counseling is to be amended into case plan for both parents if they reunite. Immediate referral for counseling by FCM. If not possible FCM to contact the court.</i>
01/30/2006	CPT Referral	CPT takes case as a consult as child has been observed with no injuries.
2/2/06	Notice of filing attached addendum to psychological evaluation 7/13/05 by Dr. Steven Sanders	Dr. Sanders' diagnosis includes perfectionist personality features (due to overachievement). In the addendum, Dr. Sanders reports mother completed courses in anger management and co-dependency from this office. Notice of filing in Sumter legal file.
02/08/2006	2005-510460 <b>Closed</b>	Report closed with no indicators for physical injury, no indicators for substance-exposed child, and no indicators for inadequate supervision. Closed with no additional services as protective services case still open.
03/24/2006	Permanency Judicial Review Hearing – Sumter County JR report does state "Permanency"	Melinda found in substantial compliance with case plan and retains custody of Trenton. Joshua, not in substantial compliance, however, reunification with father is no longer the goal since parents do not intend to reunite. GAL 03/23/06 report recommends child continue placement with mother and case closure. Recommendation of FCM to terminate protective supervision. Court relinquishes jurisdiction and closes protective supervision effective 05/23/06. GAL discharged immediately.
05/25/2006	Protective Services Case <b>Closed</b>	Status review completed and protective services case closed. Report filed with court as result of closure staffing.
6/14/2006	Mother files for Dissolution of Marriage	In Lake County
07/05/2006	2006-410010	<b>Report received by Lake County. Allegations indicate that father sent email to Melinda threatening to harm her and Trenton.</b>
07/05/2006	Temporary Injunction for Protection	Melinda was granted a temporary injunction for protection against domestic violence with minor children. A hearing was set for 07/12/2006.
07/12/2006	Injunction Hearing	Court continues temporary injunction. Hearing postponed, however no indication in any files that this was rescheduled and whether injunction was granted. There was a motion to consolidate with dissolution of marriage petition.
7/24/2006	DR542 case closed	Court order states case closed due to a paternity settlement agreement
8/4/2006	Temporary Injunction for Protection hearing	Attorneys requested a continuance which was granted.
08/04/2006	CPT Referral	CPT takes case as a consult as child has been observed with no injuries, father is out of home and injunction for protection is in place.
08/22/2006	CWLS Staffing	CPI staff case with CWLS and it is determined that there is no legal sufficiency.
08/22/2006	CPI refers to ACCESS	CPI made contact with Melinda and was advised that she lost her job and money is tight. She is referred to ACCESS to apply for food stamps and assistance.

